



## Publisher's note

The current issue of *Journal of Hazardous Materials* marks the retirement of Dr Clive Nussey from the Board of Editors. Clive has acted as an Editor of the journal since 1995 and we would like to thank him sincerely for his significant contribution to *Journal of Hazardous Materials* over the past eight years. In this period the journal has seen considerable expansion both in terms of subject coverage and number of submissions, during which Clive's dedication to the role of Editor has been highly appreciated. Clive will continue to handle manuscripts already in process until the end of December 2003.

We are pleased to announce that Professor Gerasimos Lyberatos has accepted our invitation to succeed Clive as an Editor of *Journal of Hazardous Materials* and we would like to wish Gerasimos success in this new position.

Currently head of the Laboratory for Biochemical Engineering and Environmental Technology, Gerasimos began his academic career as teaching assistant at the California University of Technology, where he obtained his PhD in Chemical Engineering having previously studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After holding the position of Associate Professor at the University of Florida, Gerasimos returned to Greece in 1990, when he joined the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Patras.

Gerasimos is a member of a number of organizations including the International Water Association and the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. In addition he held the position of Vice-Rector of the University of Patras for three years, and has served as a Chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering in the same University since 1999. His research interests involve the modeling, optimization and control of biochemical processes with emphasis on wastewater engineering and solid waste management. Of particular interest are the understanding and modeling of key microbial processes that take place in environmental systems and the development of improved technologies for the treatment and management of liquid and solid wastes.

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